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Subject: Re: [External] Re: DCFS Case# 2084808D
Date: Thu, Jan 19, 2017 9:53 am

Mr. Dick I am sorry to hear that your son is in jail and hope the issue is resolved quickly. After our conversation on January 11, 2017, to address your concerns, I had the pending child abuse investigation involving your children assigned to a different investigator. Under law, all child abuse investigations must be completed by DCFS staff who have been trained and designated to perform such investigations. All investigations should be completed in accordance with DCFS Procedures 300, Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect, which are based on the followings laws governing the Department's authority to investigate allegations of child abuse, The Children and Family Services Act 20 ILCS 505, the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, 325 ILCS 5 and Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect, DCFS Rule 300. I will forward all of your concerns regarding the investigation regarding your children to the Deputy of the Child Protection Division for a review of the case and current status.

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CORRECTION

"Are you safe with your mother?", the resounding answer was "NO!"

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Sent: Thu, Jan 19, 2017 1:00 am

Subject: Re: DCFS Case# 2084808D

TO:

Deputy Director Debra Dyer-Webster

Director George Sheldon

As I write this communication to you, my 13 year old son sits in jail, and his two siblings were taken out of their mother's house. Yes, there indeed was yet ANOTHER physical alteration in my children's mother's house. Your DCFS investigators asked my children, MORE THAN ONCE ... "Are you afraid of your mother?", the resounding answer was "YES!". Your DCFS investigators asked my children, "Are you safe with your mother?", the resounding answer was "YES!" Another question, " Who would you rather be with, your mother or your farther?" The answer, "OUR FATHER!"

And now my son is going to be in front of a judge tomorrow morning. I just left him at the Lincolnshire Police Department, crying his eyes out. He says he HATES his mother.

I wonder how in the world could this have even happened, with DCFS having ALL OF THIS DYSFUNCTIONAL information????? I EVEN PREDICTED THIS COULD AND NOW HAS, HAPPENED.

I want some real answers and I want them ASAP. I am prepared to use my Public Relations degree, informing the world of this colossal screw up.

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RE: DCFS Case# 2084808D

GREETINGS DEBRA:

This communication serves as follow-up to our 48 minute long telephone conversation of January 11, 2017, while this case investigation continues. Within that information exchange, I established that my three minor children receive several levels of on-going "abuse" from their other parent. Also within that discussion, I established several issues and problems of great concern, stemming from the actions and behaviors of more than one DCFS employee. I have purposely stated to you that I am not wanting to pursue further internal investigation of DCFS investigators who have bullied my minor children with improper information that they will be placed in a foster home, unless they agree to stay with their mother.

Since last Wednesday, my children have been interviewed (again) by DCFS, this time at their school. I thank you for this implement, if you were responsible in assisting to make this happen. Again, my children were originally interviewed (this time) by your Tom Cyriac the previous week, in their mother's residence. Their discussion was not private as their mother eaves-dropped in the adjacent room, therefore they could not speak openly and freely. My children tell me they are exhausted and very tired of constantly being interviewed by DCFS investigators, school social workers, therapists, counselors, Police Officers, etc., of the results of their mother's actions and behaviors. This is because NOTHING pro-active has ever happened or occurred for them, nothing. Their crisis, conflict, and distress continues while they must endure physical, emotional, and verbal abuse. I offer that son Bryan was not happy to miss his lunch, and daughter Courtney was not pleased because it was her birthday. They blame their mother for this.

You are aware, Illinois State statute 325 ILCS 5/3 provides the following: "Abused Child" means a child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child's welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent: (a) inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury, by other than accidental means, which causes death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function; (b) creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function; (d) commits or allows to be committed an act or acts of torture upon such child; (e) inflicts excessive corporal punishment or, in the case of a person working for an agency who is prohibited from using corporal punishment, inflicts corporal punishment upon a child or adult resident with whom the person is working in his or her professional capacity.

My three minor children have already confirmed and verified that their mother has physically attacked and abused them, multiple times. They have confirmed and verified that their mother has regularly, purposely, and constantly harmed and abused them emotionally as well. They have stated that they are afraid of their mother because they do not know when she is going to snap, and/or attack them again out of the blue.

Too many accredited children safety organizations provide that emotional abuse of children includes excessive yelling, threatening, and punishing which usually leads to physical altercation. It is because of this that my children have been keeping logs of their mother's poor behaviors. Many organizations offer that taking notes, writing letters, and telling trusted adults is highly recommended. By the way, factually stated, the children's

mother has threatened me with my life, informing me that when I die, her life is going to be so much better. This is in addition to the fact that she was criminally arrested for Domestic Battery in the presence of our children, which is a significant contributing factor to their view of her. The children's mother is a perpetrator who has been under investigation far too many times now.

I inform you that this morning, I came across a hand written document from my 13 1/2 year old son, Conrad, which he wrote yesterday. I first saw and read this letter today, and I will solemnly testify to this. Conrad's letter/note/statement very clearly provides his angst and disgust of his mother's abuse to him and his siblings. More than once, Conrad states that I (his father) did not assist him with his writing, this was certain. He has, of his own free will, written many notes and letters by the way as have his siblings as well. The very apparent on-going abuse has the children naturally resenting their mother. As you are well aware, I am very seriously concerned for my children. They are now of the age where something very drastic will occur in their mother's residence, simply because she has such rage, anger and frustratoin by not being able to control them any longer. In fact, things are perpetuating so quickly, the conflict in her home has accelerated. DCFS Director George Sheldon is also aware of my children's cries for help, as example of previous communications he has received from me.

With all of this established history, the children's numerous testimonies from interviews, including solid information exchange of abuse, factually "abuse" continues to exist and this fact is undeniable. Abuse has been "indicated" because there is credible evidence abuse exists. You may safely assume that because I care so much for my children, that an unfounded report is unacceptable should anyone within DCFS again tamper with evidence, such as from April 2016. I thank you for your efforts and your time. My phone receives your calls. Peace.

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